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Title: SYSTEM FOR INJECTING A DIVERTED FLUID IN A SIMULATED MOVING
BED SEPARATION PROCESS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to calculating the national fee, and prior to examination in the National Phase of the above-identified International application, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 6, line 1, delete "any one of claims 4 or 5" and insert --claim 1--;
Claim 8, line 1, delete "any one of claims 6 or 7" and insert --claim 1--;
Claim 9, line 1, delete "any one of claims 4 to 8" and insert --claim 1--;
Claim 17, line 1 delete "any one of the previous claims" and insert --claim 1--;
Claim 21, line 1, delete "any one of claims 1 to 17" and insert --claim 1--;
lines 1 and 2, delete "and of the process as claimed in any one of claims 18
to 20".

REMARKS

The purpose of this Preliminary Amendment is to eliminate multiple dependent claims in order to avoid the additional fee. Applicants reserve the right to reintroduce claims to canceled combined subject matter.

If amendments were made during the International phase under Article 19 or 34, applicants request that examination in the U.S. National Phase be based on the application as filed and this Preliminary Amendment is based thereon.